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Adult Nurse Practitioner

Family Nurse Practitioner

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Women's Health Nurse Practitioner

Students may be awarded credit for previous MSN core courses based upon successful completion of equivalent courses in their prior master's program, if these courses were completed less than 6 years ago. Courses completed prior to 6 years ago require approval by the Graduate School Dean. If approval is not given, the MSN core courses are the same as the four MSN core courses listed above for all MSN students.

The Commission for Collegiate Nursing Education requires that both the MSN and Post-MSN Graduate Certificate emphasis areas be listed on graduates' transcripts. Program changes made in 2008-09 made it possible to list the MSN emphasis areas on transcripts as required. We are now making the changes required for the Post-MSN Graduate Certificates. This is an important part of our final preparations for the College's continuing accreditation visit by CCNE, scheduled for Nov., 2009.

Advanced practice nurses who are currently certified and recognized as advanced practice nurses but are interested in becoming double board certified may submit a portfolio to receive credit for the following courses: NURSE 6509, NURSE 6518, NURSE 6520, and NURSE 6524. In addition, partial credit may be awarded for the Diagnosis and Management courses based on a portfolio assessment.

A minimum of 18 graduate credit hours are required for the Post-MSN Graduate Certificates as stipulated in the Graduate School policies.

**Post MSN Graduate Certificate
Emphasis Areas for Advanced
Practice Nurse Practitioners
(Emphasis areas for adult nurse
practitioner, family nurse
practitioner, pediatric nurse
practitioner, and women's health
nurse practitioner)**

**In addition to the MSN core
courses within the past six years,
the following courses are
required unless waived based on
portfolio assessment by faculty:**
NURSE 6509, Role of the Clinical
Nurse Specialist/Nurse Practitioner
NURSE 6518, Pathophysiology for
Advanced Nursing Practice (Pediatric
Nurse Practitioner students take
NURSE 6519, Advanced Pediatric
Pathophysiology)
NURSE 6524, Health Assessment

for Advanced Nursing Practice (Pediatric Nurse Practitioner students take **NURSE 6526**, Advanced Pediatric Physical Assessment) **NURSE 6520**, Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice (Pediatric Nurse Practitioner students take **NURSE 6529**, Advanced Pharmacology for Pediatric Practice) **NURSE 6530**, Clinical Diagnostics **NURSE 6739**, Adult Primary Care I: Diagnosis & Management in ANP **AND** **NURSE 6740**, Adult Primary Care II: Diagnosis & Management in ANP **OR** **NURSE 6741**, Family Health I: Diagnosis & Management in ANP **AND** **NURSE 6742**, Family Health II: Diagnosis & Management in ANP **OR** **NURSE 6743**, Child Health I: Diagnosis & Management in ANP **AND** **NURSE 6744**, Child Health II: Diagnosis & Management in ANP **OR** **NURSE 6746**, Women's Health I: Diagnosis & Management in ANP **AND** **NURSE 6747**, Women's Health II: Diagnosis & Management in ANP **AND** **NURSE 6954**, Advanced Practice Nursing: Internship I **NURSE 6955**, Advanced Practice Nursing: Internship II